

### Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the specification originally submitted for this Patent Application with the substitute specification which is enclosed with this Reply.

Please replace the abstract with the following amended paragraph:

A ~~The invention relates to a method of treating~~  
~~[[a]] fabrics, such as by impregnation with a metal peroxide,~~  
~~characterized in that it consists in applying to a fabric,~~  
~~for example a de-sized and/or previously bleached hydrophilic~~  
fabrics, having threads in a selected machine direction (a  
one, whose weft, [[ ]] or inversely, a [[whose]] warp) and  
formed consists of natural or artificial cellulose fibers.  
The fabric is impregnated fibers:

~~[[ -]] impregnation (I) with a metal peroxide [[,]] while~~  
~~leaving the weft (or inversely the warp) of the fabric~~  
free in the selected machine direction for a period of  
time necessary for [[the]] swelling of the fibers  
of the threads in the selected machine direction  
~~constituting the weft (or inversely the warp) of the~~  
~~fabrie and for [[the]] modification of the cellulose,~~  
~~[[ - at]] cellulose. The fabric is then passed in air~~  
while leaving the fabric relaxed and without least

~~one relaxation with no weft tension in the selected machine direction, (or inversely with no warp tension) by passage in air during which the threads in the selected machine direction swell and assume weft (or inversely the warp) swells and then assumes the form of a spring, after shrinkage,~~

[[ - at]] shrinkage, followed by at least one rinsing,

[[ - at]] rinsing, at least one washing,

[[ - at]] washing, and at least one squeezing.

~~The invention also relates to squeezing step. Also,~~  
the elastic fabrics obtained by the method, and [[to]] the  
machine for implementing the method machines.

~~Figure for the abstract: figure 1~~